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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

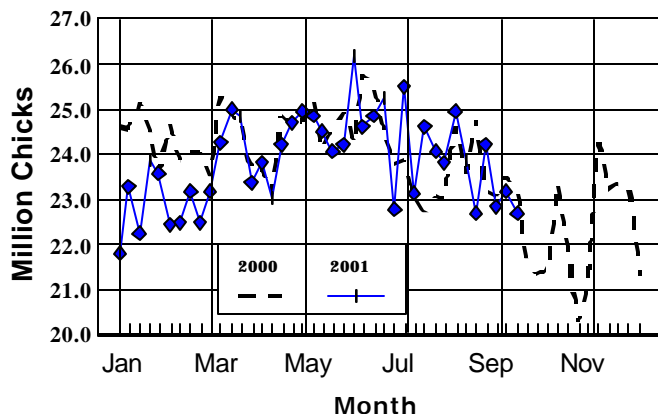
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.7 million during the week ending October 6, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 2 percent from both the comparable week in 2000, and the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 6, 2001 were 953.7 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.3 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

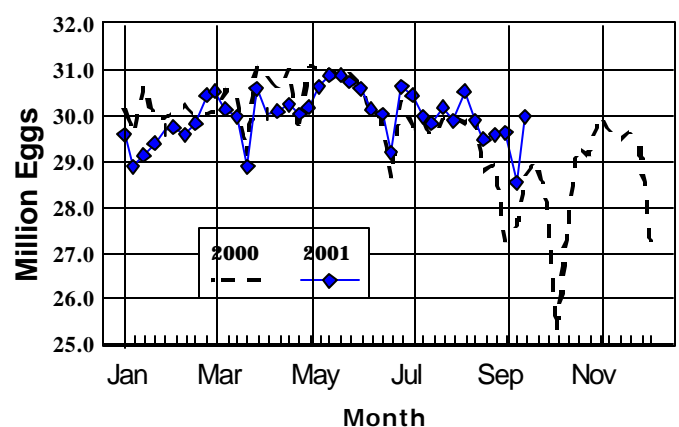
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 6, 2001, up 4 percent from the same period last year and 5 percent above the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sept. 1	23,583	23,892	101	24,722	24,889	101	30,063	29,887	99
Sept. 8	24,751	22,693	92	24,525	24,665	101	28,807	29,469	102
Sept. 15	23,246	24,198	104	24,488	25,249	103	28,927	29,579	102
Sept. 22	23,080	22,834	99	24,656	24,739	100	27,272	29,665	109
Sept. 29	23,537	23,173	98	23,677	24,447	103	27,626	28,546	103
Oct. 6	23,143	22,692	98	23,825	24,254	102	28,699	29,982	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
Week Ending					1/	Week Ending					1/	
STATE	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	%	01-Sep	08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	%
Alabama	28,749 *	27,693	28,758 *	29,293	105	22,715	23,089	22,553	21,915	21,560	21,807	107
ARKANSAS	29,579	29,665	28,546	29,982	104	23,892	22,693	24,198	22,834	23,173	22,692	98
Delaware	3,085	3,482	3,580	3,571	90	4,585	4,808	5,150	4,778	4,884	4,101	88
Florida	2,235	2,327	2,243	2,239	83	2,446	2,299	2,113	2,440	2,134	2,205	99
Georgia	31,433 *	30,343	30,947 *	32,033	106	25,244	25,324	25,349	25,561	25,210 *	25,456	105
Maryland	7,734	8,833	8,988	8,576	112	5,387	5,276	4,905	5,751	5,467	5,022	112
Mississippi	17,294 *	18,404	17,690 *	18,613	105	15,308	15,716	15,628	15,382	14,560 *	13,752	102
N. Carolina	15,613 *	17,737	17,218	16,664	97	13,768	13,984	14,139	13,364	13,138	12,926	97
Pennsylvania	3,947	3,714	3,742	3,708	97	2,661	2,741	2,810	2,661	2,734	2,757	104
S. Carolina	4,807	4,719	4,890	4,886	99	4,019	4,003	3,854	4,155	3,903	3,739	103
Texas	13,207 *	13,628 *	14,526 *	14,739	102	10,684	11,259	11,596	11,907	11,425	10,615	103
Virginia	5,867	6,421	6,189	6,405	107	5,442	5,699	5,996	5,235	5,005 *	4,779	107
CA TN & W VA	9,645	10,516	10,690	10,858	109	9,196	9,382	10,053	9,548	8,528	8,883	98
Total 2001	173,195 *	177,482 *	178,007 *	181,567		145,347	146,273	148,344	145,531	141,721 *	138,734	
Total 2000	168,927	167,926	175,075	175,328		141,877	144,511	142,827	140,916	136,863	136,083	
% PREV. YEAR	103	106	102	104		102	101	104	103	104	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						20-Oct	27-Oct	03-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	4,615 *	4,497 *	5,351 *	5,693 ****		4,540	4,509	4,421 *	4,266 *	4,312 *	3,602 ****
*Oklahoma	6,006	6,384	6,174	6,088 ****		4,975	4,940	4,517	5,840	4,215	5,242 ****
*LA & MO	9,025 *	8,393	9,231	8,783 ****		8,326	9,536	8,580	8,419	9,175	8,666 ****
19 StateTotal	192,841 *	196,756 *	198,763 *	202,131		163,188	165,258	165,862 *	164,056 *	159,423 *	156,244

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 182 million eggs during the week ending October 6, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 6, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 6, 2001 were 5.88 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will be available on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/> only. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.